

FARM TOUR SITES



Red Wolf Farm

4137 Providence Mill Road, Maiden



Red Wolf Farm will be open from 10:00am – 5:00pm.

Join us during our annual Pumpkin Patch Festival! See the farm animals, take a hayride, and pick a pumpkin. Visit the Artisan Village to check out the vendor booths and watch our resident blacksmith forging his wares with family, heirloom tools. Pack a picnic lunch or enjoy delicious hot food from a Food Truck in the picnic barn after winding through the carnival maze and playing on the playground. Swim in the giant tubs of corn after taking a ride on a horse. Slide down the giant super-slide and take a run through the obstacle course. Or just relax on a bench underneath the shade trees and enjoy the sights and sounds of Fall! Fee is \$8 per person. Babies under 12 months are free.

Directions: From US 321 Bypass, take exit 28 onto US321 Business. In Maiden, turn right on Providence Mill Road. Go .5 miles. After a sharp curve, and bridge, turn left into the parking area at The Providence Cotton Mill.



LFR Farms & Greenhouses

2952 Lou Hoyle Lane, Newton

LFR Farms will be open from 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Learn about various farming techniques, including greenhouse growing on this large working farm of over 1,000 acres. Products throughout the year include greenhouse plants, hanging baskets, vegetable plants, annuals and perennials. The farm also produces small grains such as corn, wheat and soybeans. Come see what's growing at LFR Farms.

Directions: Take Hwy. 10 west out of Newton approximately 8 miles. Turn left onto Wesley Chapel Road. At stop sign, turn left onto Grace Church Road. Farm is .6 mile at top of hill on the left.



HOPE Garden at Hickory YMCA

701 1st Street NW, Hickory

HOPE Garden will be open from 9:00am – 12:30 pm.

Come learn about WNC Epilepsy Association/WNCEA's HOPE Garden Project. Completing its 5th season, HOPE Garden produces fresh vegetables and fruit for WNC Epilepsy Association members, Hickory Soup Kitchen, and Eastern Catawba Christian Ministry to help those in need of nutritious food. In 5 years, HOPE has harvested over 14,000 pounds of produce. HOPE is made possible by generous volunteers in the community ranging from age 3 – 80's. Information on volunteering will be available during the tour.

From I-40W, take Exit 125 toward Hickory, and keep right toward Downtown. Merge onto Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. SE. Turn left onto 1st Ave SE, and after .4 mile, turn right onto 2nd Street Dr NE/ NC 127. Follow NC 127 for .8 mi, and turn left



Shady Oaks Farm

3487 Yount Road, Newton

Shady Oaks Farm will be open from 8:00am – 3:00 pm.

This farm produces a variety of naturally raised fruits, vegetables, honey, and free-range eggs during the year. The tour is a great time to pick up fresh top-quality seasonal vegetables, including fall green beans, broccoli, turnip greens, white cucumbers, bell peppers, and okra.

Directions: Take Hwy. 16 South out of Newton approximately 4.25 miles. Turn left onto Balls Creek Road. Go 1.5 miles and turn left on Mt. Olive Church Road. Then go .75 mile and turn right onto Yount Road. Farm is .25 mile on left.



Sipe Angus Farm

1338 Balls Creek Road, Newton

Sipe Angus Farm will be open from 8:00am – 3:00 pm.

Let the kids come and see roaming beef cattle while you pick up some grass-fed beef to take home. Sipe Angus Farms continues to research the best genetics programs to provide a quality eating experience with no additives or hormones.

Directions: Take Hwy. 16 South out of Newton approximately 4.25 miles. Turn left onto Balls Creek Road and go 3.75 miles to the farm on the right.



Two Shoes Farm

204 2nd Ave SW, Hickory

Two Shoes Farm will be open from 10:00am – 2:00 pm.

Two Shoes Farm is a local mushroom farm providing chefs in the area with gourmet Blue Oyster Mushrooms, King Trumpet Mushrooms, and Lions Mane Mushrooms. Learn the processes and techniques required to produce these varieties.

Directions: From I-40 W, take Exit 125 toward Hickory. Keep right to take the ramp toward Downtown. Merge onto Lenoir Rhyne Blvd SE. After 1.3 miles turn left onto 1st Ave SE. After .7 mi, turn left onto 1st St. SW, and take the 1st left onto 2nd Ave SW. The farm is on the right and is located behind Yellow Diamond Cab and the back entrance of Clark Tire. Entrance is in the basement level and parking is on the street



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Devine Farms

2675 St. James Church Road, Newton



Devine Farm will be open from 2:00pm – 9:00 pm.

Come see cattle, sheep, and goats, and enjoy a wagon ride and corn maze at a family-operated farm in the heart of Catawba County. Bring your lawn chairs and flashlights, and stay for a bonfire and music in the evening. Admission is \$5 per person for the day, with kids age 5 and under admitted for free. Purchase pumpkins and enjoy dinner on the farm for an additional fee. Free wagon rides to the pumpkin patch are available for those who would like to pick and purchase a pumpkin without participating in the other activities.

Directions: From Newton, take Hwy. 321 Business South approximately 2 miles. Turn left onto Smyre Farm Road. Go to stop sign and turn right onto St. James Church Road. Farm is approximately 1.5 miles on the right.



Buffalo Beals Animal Park

3259 Water Plant Road, Maiden

Buffalo Beals will be open from 9:00am – 6:00 pm.

Enjoy 40 acres of easily accessible and thoughtfully arranged viewing grounds where you will encounter elk, antelope, camel, giraffe, chimpanzee, buffalo, kangaroos, monkeys and other exotic and domestic animals. Thanks to the Beals for making their animal park available free of charge for this day. Visitors may also pick a pumpkin or enjoy a hayride for \$8 per person.

Directions: Take Hwy. 16 South out of Newton and go approximately 4.25 miles. Take a right onto Providence Mill Road then a short left onto N Olivers Cross Road. Go approximately 2.25 miles and turn right onto Water Plant Road. The Animal Park is .75 miles on the left.



Ironwood Estate Orchids

3757 Sandy Ford Road, Hickory

Ironwood Estate will be open from 8:00am – 4:00pm

Take a tour of Ironwood Estate's greenhouses to learn about growing many types of orchids year-round. We grow and sell a wide range of orchids from around the world that you may not have seen in big box stores. Come enjoy the relaxing and peaceful environment in the greenhouses.

Directions: From Interstate 40 at Hickory, NC, take exit 123A. Go on highway 321 South to exit 41, River Road exit. At the top of the exit ramp turn left onto River Rd. Go about 2 miles to a T intersection. Turn right onto Sandy Ford Rd. It is the 5th house on the left with the greenhouses behind our home.



Calderon Farms and M&M Produce

9177 Cooksville Road, Vale

Calderon and M&M will be open from 8:00am – 3:00 pm.

Owned by the Calderon family, these two farms have multiple fields in the tri-county area where they grow tomatoes, peppers, and other vegetables. Come enjoy a tour of the farms' shared facility and learn about the farms' operations.

Directions: From downtown Newton, take NC-10 for 16.5 miles towards Vale. Turn right onto Cooksville Road. Drive 2.6 miles and the facility is on the left.



Bird Brain Ostrich Ranch

6691 Little Mountain Road, Sherrills Ford

Bird Brain will be open from 8:00am – 3:00 pm.

See one of the most unique farms in the county. Learn about ostrich and purchase farm-fresh products such as eggs and ostrich meat.. Thanks to the Roberts for making their ranch available free of charge for this day.

Directions: From I-77 take Exit 36 onto Hwy. 150 W. Go approximately 9.5 miles, cross over Lake Norman into Catawba County, and turn right on Little Mountain Road. Go another 1.75 miles to the farm on the left. From Newton, take Hwy. 16 south approximately 7.5 miles and turn left onto Buffalo Shoals Road. Then in .6 mile turn right onto Little Mountain Road. Drive 5.1 miles to the farm on the right.



OTHER ACTIVITIES



Hickory Farmers Market

Union Square, downtown Hickory

Hickory Farmer's Market will be open 8:00am – 1:00pm.

Meet local farmers, artisans and other neighbors from the Hickory area. Over 30 vendors sell fresh, locally grown produce, potted plants and herbs, cut flowers, baked goods, etc. Enjoy music at the market from Midlife Crisis, a local three man musical group with an interesting mix of guitar and bongos!



Udderly Delicious Ice Cream Shop

2173 N. Center Street, Hickory

131 Hwy. 70 S.E., Hickory

1006 Conover Blvd. W, Conover



Udderly Delicious will be open 12:00pm – 10:00pm.

Stop at any of the Udderly Delicious ice cream locations to enjoy home-made ice cream using some of the best cream and farm fresh ingredients.



St. Stephens Park

2247 36th Ave. N.E., Hickory

St. Stephens Park will be open 8:00am – 8:00pm.

Enjoy a picnic or just stretch your legs on the walking trail at St. Stephens park. Free.



Bakers Mtn. Park

6680 Bakers Mtn. Road, Hickory

Bakers Mtn Park will be open 8:00am – 8:00pm.

Take a hike to the mountain top and enjoy the beautiful view of the Catawba Valley at this 189-acre County park. Free.



Riverbend Park

6700 Hwy. 16 North, Conover

Riverbend Park will be open 8:00am – 8:00pm.

There are many activities to enjoy at this 450-acre County park on the Catawba River. Hike the nearly 12 miles of trails to explore this beautiful river basin park. You can see a variety of wildlife habitats that range from fresh water wetlands to an upland forest. Bring your fishing rod and try your luck at the inland pond or along the banks of the river. Enjoy a picnic along the Catawba River and look for bald eagles that fly over this area. Free.



OTHER ACTIVITIES



Herman's Fish Lake

1954 Grandview Drive, Newton



Herman's Fish Lake will be open 7:00am – 9:00pm.

Come enjoy a day of fishing at Herman's Fish Lake! Everyone age 12 and up can fish for \$8, kids age 6-11 fish for \$4, and kids under age 6 are free.



Murray's Mill

1489 Murrays Mill Road, Catawba



Murray's Mill will be open for tours 9:00am – 5:00pm.

See one of Catawba County's most visited historic sites – Murray's Mill. Preserved intact are the 1913 mill itself, the 1890s Murray & Minges General Store, the 1880s Wheat-house, used as an exhibit gallery, the 1913 John Murray House, furnished to the period, and numerous outbuildings. Inside Murray's Mill, visitors will find the original millstones used for grinding corn, as well as a Eureka roller mill used for grinding wheat into flour. It's a perfect place for an afternoon picnic or a walk on the Carolina Thread Trail alongside the millpond. Afterwards, pick up some fresh stone ground products at the store to take home. Admission charged for mill tour.



Ironwood Estate Orchids Classes

3757 Sandy Ford Road, Hickory



Ironwood Estate classes begin at 9:00am (beginners) and 1:00pm (intermediate).

Ever wonder how to grow and care for beautiful orchids? Now is your opportunity to learn about these unique flowers. A beginning and intermediate class will be held at Ironwood Estate Orchids. Beginners will meet at 9:00 am. and Intermediate students will meet at 1:00 pm. The class will last no more than 2 hours. Pre-registration is required for both classes. Call (828) 294-3950 to register. Fee charged.



For questions or further information regarding Catawba County's Agri-Tourism Day, contact the County Manager's Office at (828) 465-8203 or Cooperative Extension at (828) 465-8243.